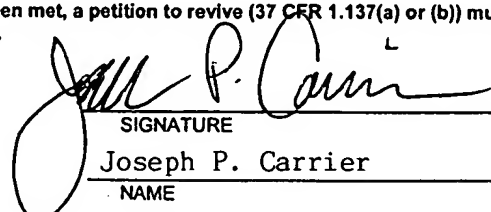


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER CSP-116-A
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/015598		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/537180</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 05 DECEMBER 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 06 DECEMBER 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION Method of manufacturing cylindrical body, friction stir welding method, and friction stir welding device		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: see attached sheet</p>		

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....				\$ 300.00		
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....				\$ 200.00		
All other situations.....						
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....				\$ 400.00		
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.....						
All other situations.....						
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$ 900.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.						
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Independent claims	8 - 3 =	5	x \$200	\$ 1000.00		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 2280.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/3.						
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 2280.00		
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-0744</u> in the amount of \$ <u>2280.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0744</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
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Other Documents Enclosed

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- International Request dated 05 December 2003
- Notification of receipt of record copy dated 15 January 2004
- Notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority document dated 10 February 2004
- International Search Report dated 16 March 2004
- Instruction letter dated 13 May 2004 to the PCT Operations Department together with Amendment under Article 19
- Notification concerning the filing of Amendments of the claims dated 25 May 2004
- Notification of Receipt of Demand by Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority dated 15 June 2004
- Information concerning elected offices notified of their election dated 24 June 2004
- Notice informing the applicant of the communication of the international application to the designated offices dated 24 June 2004
- International application (publication No. WO 2004/052585) as published on 24 June 2004 and English translation thereof
- Written Opinion dated 13 July 2004
- International Preliminary Examination Report dated 19 October 2004

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Re: Amendment of the claims under Article 19(1)  
International Application No. PCT/JP03/15598  
Applicant: HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD.  
International filing Date: December 5, 2003  
Our ref.: 03P148HEW000

Dear Sirs:

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above identified International Application transmitted on March 16, 2004, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

The Applicant replaces pages 44-50 with new pages 44-49 attached hereto. In the amendment, claims 10-15 are canceled.

Please acknowledge your safe receipt of this letter by return facsimile.

Very truly yours,  
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PATENT & LAW OFFICE

By   
Yoshihiro CHIBA

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Attachment: Amendment under Article 19(1)

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